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The College Library.

While your New Year resolutions to do more for others are fresh in your minds, we desire to whisper something in your ear about the Westminster College library. It is the one thing about the college just now that is not up to the grade of a "standard college." Since the college business has been organized and standardized every one has to "stand up and be counted" by the North Central Association, the College Unions or somebody else. Each one must abide by the consequences of publicity. Westminster meets these standard requirements in the number of departments of instruction and in the quality and preparation of her instructors. She has the "more than $200,000 endowment" and "at least $10,000 income, apart from fees and gifts." Her library, however does not quite reach the usual requirement of 5,000 books and has but little more than half the standard number, 8,000, adopted by the Missouri College Union.

While this frank statement of the case should stir her alumni and friends to immediate action, it need not alarm her patrons, who have sons in the college. They are not suffering greatly from this condition for two reasons. First, the Westminster library, numbering 4,200 volumes, while not large is very carefully selected with reference to the needs of the several departments of study. The volumes are arranged in such sections, are classified according to the Dewey decimal system, with Cutter author numbers, and a card catalogue furnishes ready reference to all the material in the library, either by author, title of book or subject treated. Hence the library is a practical one and is regularly and well used. Again we have no professional schools and do not need the extensive library that the school does, where original and research work is done. The only books ordered each

year now are the ones recommended by the professors as those most needed in their several departments, but our appropriation for this purpose is necessarily a very small one. A former president of our board of trustees, Judge John A. Hockaday, left a bequest of $2,500 to the library and the $150 accruing from this annually is supplemented by a small amount from the budget. The library for its size is particularly strong in bound volumes of a number of the leading magazines. Harper's, Atlantic Monthly, The Living Age and a number of others are here in complete files, dating back to the first issue. These are very valuable for reference work. Hence our library is good as far as it goes, but does not as yet go far enough.

A Remedy for This Defect.

If the loyal alumni and former students of the college would look over their private libraries, they would find a number of books that would be valuable to us that have served their purposes as far as they can. They would find books that they have read and would be glad to keep for occasional reference, yet would be willing to pass on to the college in which they are greatly interested. Only two books thus culled from the library, or the price of them in cash, forwarded to the college by each of the graduates of the school would enable us to attain the usual standard of 5,000. Only one from each of the alumni and former students would bring us up to the requirement of the Missouri College Union, that of 8,000 volumes. However, many of these are deceased, widely scattered or inattentive. We must have a few large gifts in order to reach our "desired haven." A gift in money, designated for a special department, if it is so desired, would give the professor the chance to select the books his department most needs and would greatly delight his soul.

No one could so directly benefit the present and future students of the institution and put money where it will do more permanent good than by sending $500 or $1,000 to be added to the $2,500 already received for endowment. The latter sum would put thirty or forty new books into the library every year for years to come and freshen it wonderfully. It is believed that the ministers and church members of the two synods uniting in the support of Westminster, the alumni and former students and other friends of Westminster College will only need their attention attracted to this lack and that it will be shortly provided for. Cull your libraries and send a package by mail, or if large enough, by freight, or send the check to Mrs. Shirley Knox Hall-Quest, librarian, or to Dr. Charles B. Boving, president.

The Christmas Holidays.

It is always rather a quiet time in Fulton during the holidays, when the students of three colleges are absent from the city. However the president's house was enlivened this year by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. S. I. Woodbridge and three youngest children from Shanghai, China. Dr. Woodbridge is one of the most prominent missionaries of the Southern branch of the Presbyterian church. He has been in China more than thirty years and is now a distinguished linguist, a recognized authority on

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all Chinese questions and a man of consequence in that great nation, just emerging into the light of modernism. He is now the editor of the Chinese Christian Intelligencer, a paper published in Shanghai by the Presbyterian churches of Great Britain and the United States. It is read in many Chinese homes into which the missionary and the other foreigners dare not go and its power for good is inestimable. Dr. Woodbridge is a warm friend to Westminster College. He sent two of his sons here five years ago. One is now in Princeton University, one is a senior in Westminster and will represent the college in the intercollegiate oratorical contest and a third has just come over from Shanghai to enter for an extended course here. Dr. and Mrs. Woodbridge have gone on to Baltimore for the medical attention for Mrs. Woodbridge which brought them to America at this time.

School work was resumed on January 7 and the students came rolling in ready for harder work after the season of recreation and recuperation.

The Second Semester.

Another semester will begin on Tuesday, January 28, when it is expected from the inquiries that have already come in, that a number of new men will enroll in the college. A little diligent work on the part of the pastors, alumni and others interested in this school would bring the enrollment of the first term, 153, up dangerously near to the largest enrollment the school has ever had. This was the enrollment of 183 in 1908. At any rate it is already a recorded fact that we will pass that and the 200 mark next year.

With a 40 per cent increase this year over last and the willingness to work as hard again next summer to let the people, who do not know the merits of Westminster, have a chance to hear of the advantages of the well-equipped smaller school, it certainly ought to be done. The number of new students, you remember, was more than doubled this year. The number that came from St. Louis was also doubled, while several others will probably matriculate from there the second semester. Kansas City, with its strong list of alumni, eminent in all the walks of life, sent us none last year. But we have two fine boys from there this year, with the prospect of having two more the second term. This is a start at least and we hope next year it will vie with our Eastern metropolis in its delegation to Westminster.

The News Letter.

The officers and members of the 650 churches that constitute the two Presbyterian synods of Missouri, uniting in the support of Westminster, the alumni and former students and the friends of Christian education over the state want to keep informed as to what is going on in a school, that has aided in the making of church history for the past sixty-four years. Consequently we are sending out 5,000 copies of this News Letter every month to keep these friends informed as to what we, their servants, are doing. Our lists stand badly in need of revision. Will not every pastor who sees this send us a list of all the people in his church that he thinks ought to receive this publication? If any one desires it and his name has not reach-

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ed us, he has only to drop a postal card to Mrs. S. K. Hall-Quest, secretary to the president, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, with the request and it will be sent regularly to him without charge.

What Makes a College Christian?

This is a live question. We have now three classes of schools for higher education. There are the state institutions and a few others declared to be distinctly secular. There are the go-betweens, the schools that by tradition and intention are Christian in their spirit, but with no clauses in their charters that tie them to any branch of the church of Christ or insure that the management shall be always Christian. Lastly there are the schools, whose directors and instructors must be professed Christians, members of some church, if not members of a particular denomination which supports the school. Because of the position of Mr. Andrew Carnegie in his pension provisions, cutting out all denominational schools from the benefits of his foundation, many have forsaken the last named class to enter the second, some to their sorrow.

In all these institutions chapel services with religious exercises, Y. W. and Y. M. C. A's and many teachers of a decidedly Christian character are found. For these reasons many people see no difference, but decide that in a Christian land all schools are Christian.

Anything more than a superficial view of these schools, however, reveals a decided difference. It is the difference between a positive and a negative influence, a pure and a mixed influence. In a secular institution the Christian advantages must be sought and may be easily evaded. In the Christian college it is, not unpleasantly but persistently, thrust upon them. They do not meet it in a few of the class rooms, to be counteracted by a very baleful influence in others, but all the instruction is pervaded with the Christian spirit and teaching. The Christian life is held up by precept and example as the ideal. The students come from Christian homes and the atmosphere created by both faculty and students has the savour of Christ and the Bible. Moreover the Bible is taught as a necessary department of study in every liberal education and the idea is engendered that no man can be called "educated," who has not a knowledge of the Book, which has more than any other influenced the literature and life of the world.

Out of the secular school the student may come in the main moral and respectable, but lacking that little understood but very real thing called spirituality. They are usually less irreligious than non-religious. Only the truly Christian parents will grieve over this change when it has come to their child during the college course. The influence of the school will not have entirely conquered in the first generation out of the homes of those trained in the Christian school. But in two or three generations it will clearly appear. This is becoming now so manifest that the tendency is again toward the Christian college. Hence those who want to keep the nation an aggressive Christian force should liberally provide for our Christian schools, whence the Christian leaders come. Ergo! Keep the Christian college and keep the college Christian.